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**LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 18, 2011  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Coppin State University**

**Welcome and Remarks:**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Maloney at 8:30 am.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2011 Meeting.
- Thanks to Mr. Leonard Hamm, Director of Security & Gabriel Purfiance, Event and Conference Manager for the venue and ongoing support of the LEPC.
- Noted was the excellent turnout (more than 125 attendees) at today's meeting.
- Bob Maloney gave a brief overview of The Grand Prix Race scheduled to take place in the streets of downtown Baltimore City during the 2011 Labor Day Weekend. A NIMS Unified Command Structure will be in place to manage the event and a hot line will be established in a location adjacent to Incident Command so that citizens concerns can receive immediate attention.

**Panel Discussion - 2011 Baltimore Grand Prix Planning:**

Councilman William H. Cole, IV – Baltimore City District 11  
Major Anthony T. Brown – Baltimore Police Department  
Director Robert Maloney – Mayor's Office of Emergency Management  
Deputy Director Frank Murphy – Baltimore Department of Transportation  
Earl Lewis – MTA  
Ray Hanna – US Department of Homeland Security

**Government Report:**

**Incidents and Events – Captain Richard Williams, MOEM**

Recent events of interest were discussed such as:

- Evacuation of the Marriott Hotel due to a steam leak in the HVAC system
- Utility Emergency at 2 N. Smallwood Street affecting elevators in an elderly hi-rise
- Hi-rise apartment fire at 101 W. Fayette Street
- Search of Liberty Reservoir for a missing Fire Cadet
- 4 Alarm Warehouse Fire with Hazmat – 3811 Curtis Avenut
- Flooding and evacuation due to heavy rains Kelly Avenue Bridge area – Cherry Hill with road closures – Patapsco Ave. Waterview Ave. Hanover St. I-83 and I-295

Captain Williams also reported that Tier II reports which are due annually by the end of March are now being done electronically.

**Emergency Management Training/NIMS – Lieutenant Sheri J. Luck, MOEM**

- Classes for ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 can be taken online by visiting: (<http://www.mema.md.us> or <http://www.fema.gov>)
- Classes for 300 and 400 are conducted at the Public Safety Training Academy in the Homeland Security Training Room. Advanced Incident Command Management 313 can be taken in place of ICS 300 and 400.
- To schedule use of the Homeland Security Training Room or to inquire about available training opportunities contact Lieutenant Luck [sheri.luck@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:sheri.luck@baltimorecity.gov)
- In some instances, trainings are designed based upon needs as identified by Exercising.
- Upcoming training scheduled:
  - MGT 310 – Threat & Risk Assessment 11/30 – 12/1/11
  - MGT 315 – Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment 1/25 & 26, 2012
  - AWR 213 – Critical Infrastructure Awareness January 11, 2012 & May 9, 2012

**Health Department Report – Meghan Butasek, Director - OPHPR**

- To date there have been 16 Code Red Alerts this year. With the help of MOEM, the Mayor's office of Neighborhoods and CERT Volunteers, cooling centers were opened and an outreach made to the vulnerable citizen population.
- In conjunction with the City's readiness Initiative, the BCHD conducted an exercise to mobilize and set up points of dispensing antibiotics from the mass prophylaxis cache) and recently received a score of 95% in the CDC's annual evaluations report.
- In May, the Hospital Consortium which meets to identify and prioritize needs of the medical community during an emergency conducted a Table Top exercise with a Pandemic flu Scenario for Hospital and Health Groups.

**Emergency Management Exercises – Connor Scott, MOEM**

- The Baltimore City Exercise Program partners with the region and the State focusing on multiple capabilities, the Governors Core Goals priorities for training and exercising, DHS National Preparedness, NIMS compliance, HSEEP standards and involvement at all levels.
- July 18, 2011, the Tenth Anniversary of the CSX Howard Street tunnel fire, a TTX - CSX train derailment scenario was conducted. The exercise participants included multiple agencies, organizations and players and focused on communication, hazardous materials response, public information, warning, and protection, and Unified Command.
- July 27, 2011, a 3 scenario Baltimore Grand Prix TTX was conducted at the Camden Yards Warehouse. The focus was to test contingency plans and to identify and prioritize tasks in the event of a large water main break, a mass casualty incident, or having to change the date of the race due to weather.
- August 11, 2011, a TTX was conducted to test DOT plans and capabilities and to ensure minimal disruption to Locust Point during the Fort Avenue Bridge closure.
- Upcoming exercises include a patient relocation drill with Kernan Hospital, a Functional Communications Failure Exercise and a Full Scale High-rise Building Fire Exercise.

**Law Enforcement/Homeland Security Intel** – Lieutenant Herbert Timberlake, BCPD

- Though there are no known threats at this time, with the upcoming 10 year anniversary of 9/11, citizens are being cautioned to be aware and to report any suspicious activity.

**Department of Planning** – Ken Hranicky

- Working to have one click access to the City's digitized Flood Plain maps.

**BUSINESS REPORTS:**

- **SBIMAP** Board of Directors met and under the current reorganization efforts are considering becoming a sub-committee of the LEPC.
- **Downtown Partnership** –Tom Yeager will be the OEM liaison at the Traffic and security command during the Baltimore Grand Prix.
- **Hyatt Hotel Security** – Andre Street reported on the challenges faced by hospitality security with regards to homeland security.
- **EPA Conference** – Greg Hamm reported that this year's conference will be held in Pittsburgh October 30 – November 2, 2011.

**Community Groups and Non- Profits**

- **American Red Cross** – Bethany Brown reported that they have recently doubled their servicing area and so far this year they have had 25 deployments at the local, state and national level. The region currently has 300 members (mostly volunteer) trained in disaster response.
- **CERT** – CP Hsia reported that CERT Team members along with Red Cross assisted with water distribution and community outreach during Code Red Alerts. New team trainings are scheduled for September 23, 24, and 25 and a TTX is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Citizens Corp** – Bob Brinkman reported that the 10 member group who acts as an advisor to OEM on CERT recently approved their by-laws and conducted a CERT recruitment effort at ArtScape. Their current focus is on communication and member retention.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00. Information for the next LEPC meeting will be disseminated via email.